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**To:** Tyler Kaspar [Tkaspar@1854treatyauthority.org]  
**Subject:** RE: Minntac NPDES permit status and wild rice sediment sampling document

You too!

And Katie wrote to say that the sediment sampling document will be part of the public notice package so there will be time to comment on it.

-----Original Message-----

From: Tyler Kaspar [mailto:Tkaspar@1854treatyauthority.org]  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 11:50 AM  
To: McKim, Krista <mckim.krista@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Minntac NPDES permit status and wild rice sediment sampling document

Thank you Krista. This was very helpful.

Have a good weekend!

-Tyler

-----Original Message-----

From: McKim, Krista [mailto:mckim.krista@epa.gov]  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 11:35 AM  
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Subject: Minntac NPDES permit status and wild rice sediment sampling document

Hello!

Sorry I missed the call yesterday. I heard that Tyler wanted to know the status of the Minntac permit and that there was a request for the sediment sampling document that MPCA circulated relating to their wild rice water quality criteria development.

The document is attached. I think it would be a good idea to check in with MPCA regarding the timeframe to provide feedback to them on this. I know we at EPA are shooting for early august.

Regarding Minntac I have heard nothing of MPCA's progress towards proposing the permit. I think multiple parties requested a Hearing, including USSteel. I haven't heard of a decision. I think the ongoing lawsuits may be affecting the timeframe agreed to in the MCEA settlement. Reminder of the process: if MPCA makes changes to the draft they public noticed they will have to determine if those changes result in a need to public notice the new draft (this determination will be largely based on state rules). If no new PN is needed then MPCA will respond to the comments they received and "propose" the permit. the "proposed" permit, all comments and responses to comments are provided to EPA and we get a very short window (potentially 15 calendar days) to object or not object.

I am planning to attend the meeting at fond du lac regarding the Twin Lakes and Polymet-Northmet so I expect I will see many of you there.

Have a great weekend,  
Krista

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